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¶1. (SBU) On March 14, Pol/Econ Chief conveyed reftel talking points to Shorna-Kay Richards, of the International Organizations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (MFAFT), leaving talking points as a non-paper. Richards carefully reviewed the points, as well as The Hague Code of Conduct (HCOC) text distributed by the Dutch government at the 2002 launching conference, the sample Note Verbale, and the list of Subscribing States. Focusing on the latter document, she noted the dearth of fellow Caricom states (other than Suriname and Guyana) it contained while expressing satisfaction at the number of Latin American subscribing states.

¶2. (SBU) Richards agreed to provide a more considered response once her superiors had reviewed the documents. She spoke favorably of HCOC in general terms, but indicated that it would not be a priority for the GOJ given its limited resources and competing priorities.
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